CHEROKEE INC Form 4 June 01, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading RIOPELLE RUSSELL J Issuer Symbol CHEROKEE INC [CHKE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 6835 VALJEAN AVENUE 06/01/2005 below) Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

VAN NUYS, CA 91406

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | ispose | ed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2005 | 06/01/2005 | M | 4,852 | A | \$ 20.61 | 6,852 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Person

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 5. Number on f Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 20.61 | 06/01/2005 | 06/01/2005 | M | 4,852 | 02/09/2005 | 02/09/2014 | Common Stock | 4,852 |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 20.61 | | | | | 02/09/2006 | 02/09/2014 | Common Stock | 6,770 |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 20.61 | | | | | 02/09/2007 | 02/09/2014 | Common Stock | 6,770 |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 23.12 | | | | | 04/07/2005 | 04/07/2011 | Common Stock | 9,896 |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 23.12 | | | | | 04/07/2006 | 04/07/2011 | Common Stock | 9,897 |
| Common Stock Options | \$ 23.12 | | | | | 04/07/2007 | 04/07/2011 | Common Stock | 9,897 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RIOPELLE RUSSELL J 6835 VALJEAN AVENUE VAN NUYS, CA 91406

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Russell J. 06/01/2005

**Signature of Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Russell J.

06/01/2005

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Riopelle

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Remarks:

On June 1, 2005 Mr. Riopelle exercised stock options to purchase 4,852 shares of common stock of Cherokee at an exercise properties. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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